



# 100 PEAKS LOOKOUT

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CHAIR

First I would like to congratulate the winners of the election held at the annual membership meeting. It was difficult to choose only six from the list of nominees. As outlined in the Section's bylaws, the new Central Committee then caucused to determine who would fill what job. Your 1968 Central Committee is as follows: Bruce Collier, Chairman; How Bailey, Vice Chairman; Sue Gleason, Secretary; Frank McDaniel, Treasurer; and Ken Ferrell and Les Stockton as Committeemen at large. I will be back for a third year, this time as immediate past Chairman. It appears that the chairmanship of certain standing subcommittees such as Mountain Records, will remain unchanged. Congratulations winners, I'm sure you're up to the task of carrying on the fine tradition set by previous Central Committees.

Many 100 Peakers spend much of their leisure summer hours in the Sierra. With the coming of fall we once again turn to our local mountains. Thanks to our Schedule Chairman and an ample supply of volunteer leaders, we should have a full and varied schedule for the next 8 months. We have tried to maintain a balance between the difficult and the easy, the one day and the over-nighters, and yet cover each mountain range in Southern California. I think we have accomplished this for the coming schedule #187. There are still a few Saturdays and Sundays open however, so if you would like to lead one of your favorite hikes, you should get in touch with Bruce Collier immediately. Remember all trip write-ups will have to be completed and to Bruce Collier BEFORE the December 7th deadline.

ROGER MITCHELL

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ANNUAL BANQUET

JAN. 6, 1968

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MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW !

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CONGRATULATIONS

## NEW MEMBERS

Eldon Burgess	5421 W. 138th Pl., Hawthorne 90250
Murray Rosenthal	3467 Inglewood Blvd., L. A. 90066
Cecile Rosenthal	
Melanie Mann	151 N. Canyon View Dr., L. A. 90049
Vivian Doerr	1463 Allison Ave., L. A. 90026
Ken Ferrell	1436 W. 130th St., Gardena 90249
Wade Wong	3019 University Ave., L. A. 90007
John Pulskamp	7313 Farmdale Ave., N. Hollywood 91605
Carol Miller	19261 Bernetta Pl., Tarzana 91356

## NEW EMBLEM HOLDERS

Mary Kemper	#165
Ralph Conn	#166
Robbie Conn	#167
Larry Machleder	#168
George Davis	#169
Ken Ferrell	#170
Monroe Levy	#171

## NEW 200 PEAK PIN HOLDERS

Jim Van Allen	#10
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## MT. ABEL VIA THE GOURMET ROUTE

This fall, the trail from Mt. Pinos to Mt. Abel was lined with hundreds of gooseberry bushes loaded with berries. It is therefore recommended that anyone planning to hike this route do so about mid-September, especially in a wet year, and they could literally eat their way over to Mt. Abel! It is actually faster to hike over to Mt. Abel (6 miles) from Mt. Pinos than to make the drive around to Abel's summit as it includes 9 miles of winding dirt road, and a round trip hike to Mt. Abel could be a good scheduled 1-day September outing, with ample time allowed for feasting en route (and for gathering pinon nuts on the lower slopes).

BARBARA LILLEY

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## HPS CLIMBERS GUIDE

For several months now, the "Lookout" has been carrying articles about the climbers guide write-ups to be made available. In the September issue, six peaks were listed, and now one more is available.

To enable our readers to know what they are buying, this issue of the "Lookout" contains the write-up of Suicide Peak reproduced in full. On the reverse side of the write-up are the terminology and abbreviation standards used in all peak write-ups.

Peaks now available are:

Martinez Mountain	Granite Mountain #2	Kitching Peak
Three Sisters Peak	Suicide Peak	
Rock Point	Sheephead Mountain	

The procedure for obtaining copies of climbers guide items is as follows:

1. Send a self addressed, stamped, legal size envelope.
2. Enclose \$.05 for each individual mountain and/or peak write-up desired.  
Checks should be made payable to Hundred Peaks Section, Sierra Club.
3. Mail to: W. E. von Pertz, 2027 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach, Calif. 90254

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KELSO VALLEY EXPLORATORY

OCT. 21-22

Leaders: BRUCE COLLIER  
ROGER MITCHELL

Following an early (9:30 a.m.) but sunny Saturday morning meeting at Jawbone Canyon, a group of 45 Sierra Club members and their guests caravanned to the start of a beautiful climb through pines, scrub oaks and willows to enjoy the views and lunch on the summit of Sorrell Peak (7702'). Some non-hikers visited the old sawmill ruins and a cabin which was belived to date back to the mid-1800's on their route to the site of Claraville. Little remains of the old mining camp except for tailing piles, placer sites and a large trash pile.

Camp was made near French Meadow and the evening camp fire brought forth numerous discussions of Sierra Club outings and plans.

The group departed Sunday morning for Piute Mountain Lookout and then ascent of Piute Peak (8412'), the high point of the area.

Despite the fact that few climbs were attempted, all present agreed that more trips should be scheduled into this beautiful area.

The return trip home featured visits to old mining camps and exploration of the area.

BRUCE COLLIER

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## A WORD FROM SHAKESPEARE

"Our doubts are traitors  
And make us lose the good we oft might win  
By fearing to attempt."

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OOPS!

We have been notified of several corrections to the membership roster as published in the September "Lookout".

1. ~~Hermann, Suzanne not Herman~~  
~~\*Neffson, Ben A. not Nefferson~~
2. Mascots - Add Goff, Cheryl  
Riseley, Joni  
Riseley, Mike  
Riseley, Pat
3. Add \* to  
Hawkinson, Bill  
Jones, Clark  
Jones, Marjorie  
Smith, Clarke S. Jr.
4. Listed as members but actually inactive due to non-renewal of "Lookout" subscription:  
Creighton, Frances  
Mohn, Russ  
Mohn, Paul
5. Add as members:  
Burbank, Walter  
Talt, Richard

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# ANNUAL BANQUET JAN. 6, 1968

This year our annual banquet promises to be a very special occasion. The featured program will be John Goddard's personally narrated film "Andes to Amazon." Mr. Goddard is a world famous traveler, scientist, explorer and Sierra Club member.

This program will take us to Venezuela to visit Angel Falls, world's highest and most spectacular; aerial views of the famous Devil Mountain and sky diving. The second section will include a 1000-mile journey up the Amazon; an expedition to Mato Grosso, Brazil; majestic Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas and a thrilling ascent of Peru's highest mountain - 22000' Huascaran. It will be a program to remember for years.

The cost will be \$4.25 for a Grenadine of Beef dinner, complete with tax and tip. Reservations should be made by mail, accompanied by your check payable to the Hundred Peaks Section, Sierra Club to: Bruce Collier, 132 Belmont Ave., Long Beach 90803.

If groups desire to reserve an entire table for 8, send such request together with your reservations for all 8 places. Sorry, no discount for children, but they are welcome and will be thrilled by the presentation.

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## 1. SUICIDE PEAK

ELEVATION - 7510'

## 2. MAPS:

Topographic - Palm Springs Quadrangle, 1957, 15 min.  
 Forestry - San Bernardino National Forest, San Jacinto Mountain Area.  
 Auto. Club of SoCal - Riverside County.

## 3. LOCATION:

Riverside County, 2 mi. NNE of Idyllwild.  
 San Jacinto Mountains.  
 Special Area - located within the boundaries of San Jacinto State Park.

## 4. DRIVING ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS - PRIMARY ROUTE:

From the town of Idyllwild proceed N on Hwy. #R-1 app.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi., turning right onto Jameson Dr., turning left onto Rockdale Dr., turning right onto Fernleaf Dr., turning right onto Cree Lane, then right onto Vicwood Dr. which becomes a dirt road. Keep to the right at the first saddle watching for a trail sign on your right. Continue up road thru an open gate to a sign reading "No motorized vehicles allowed beyond this point". Park car. Distance from Idyllwild is app. 2 mi., and 109 mi. from the L. A. Civic Center.

Parking space at end of road is limited to 8 cars.

## 5. CLIMBING ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS - PRIMARY ROUTE:

Hike up the dirt road app. 100 yds. to a large duck and trail sign on left, (Elev. - 6100'). Proceed up trail (Forestry - #3E17) pass San Jacinto State Park Boundary sign to a trail Jct. (Time - 1 hr.) (Elev. - 7000'). Sign r.i.p. "Suicide Rock - 1 mi." Turn right and continue up trail to its end, which is on top of rock. Note - Pk. is immediately behind top of rock. (Elev. - 7510'). (Time -  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr., total time -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hrs.)

Mileage is app.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mi. from car to trail Jct., while the last leg is 1 mi. Class 1 hiking conditions prevail, and the hike should be considered easy.

## 6. ALTERNATE ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS - SECONDARY ROUTE:

It is also possible to approach the Suicide Pk. trail Jct. via the trails (Forestry - #7W02) from the direction of Deer Springs and/or Strawberry Cienaga.

## 7. SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

None

## 8. HISTORICAL NOTES:

## 9. NATURAL HISTORY NOTES:

## 10. WRITE-UP BY: W. von Pertz

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Revised date -

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# H.P.S. CLIMBERS GUIDE

## TERMINOLOGY AND ABBREVIATION STANDARDS

C.G.	Campground	Jct.	Junction
Hwy.	Highway	yds.	Yards
T.T.	Truck Trail	H.C.	Hunter Camp
L.O.	Lookout	R.S.	Ranger Station
Lugs	Lug-soled boots	Fk.	Fork of water course or road.
r.t.	Roundtrip	mi.	Miles
Pk.	Peak	mtn.	Mountain
mdw.	Meadow	R.R.	Railroad
N.F.	National Forest	Spr.	Spring
Elev.	Elevation	S.P.	State Park
cyn.	Canyon	r.i.p.	Reading in Part - Referring to a portion of a sign quote.
app.	Approximately	R.&H.	Riding & Hiking Trail
N.	Applicable compass points; use as applicable in caps only.	St.	Street
S.			
E.			
W.			

Proceed - Beginning of new instruction, should be followed by directional indication.

Trailhead - Start of hike or climb.

Roadhead - End of road - parking area, may be same as Trailhead.

Scramble - Any off trail or non-trail hike or climb, also referred to as cross-country. Lacking trail indicators or route identification usually.

Total Elevation - Elevation gain as computed from Trailhead to Summit (also total gain).

Trail Marker - (duck) series of rocks placed one on top of another (3 or more) to indicate a trail route.

Cattle Gate - Solid/loose verticle structure used to prevent passage of stock, etc. which requires physical opening/closing.

Locked Gate - Same as Cattle Gate but locked to prevent passage.

Fire Closure - Any area seasonally closed to entry; if in doubt to status inquire before entry.

Cattle Guard - A series of horizontally placed parrallel rails, etc. Used to prevent cattle crossing; no opening/closing required.

Cairn - A conical heap of stones built as a monument on the summit.

Summit Block - A rock(s) which represents the high point of a peak; it may require class three or greater climbing.

Duck - See trail marker.

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IRON MOUNTAIN #1

OCT. 1

Leader: HOW BAILEY  
Asst.: DICK AKAWIE

Eighteen ambitious hikers met at Camp Lupine (on Prairie Fork of the E. San Gabriel) on Saturday night. We started off at 6:35 a.m. in 5 VW's and 1 Bronco for the 2-mile steep climb to Pine Mtn. Ridge, but the last VW never showed up! We waited 10 min. and scouted a possible wrong turn, but started hiking at 7:15 short 2.

The route followed precisely that written up in the "Lookout" a year ago. This goes south along abandoned mining roads and a trail for an hour, then cautiously down a nasty gully for about 200', about 100 yds. thru a sheer rock gorge cut by the Fish Fork, and 1300' up a steep ridge to the junction with the main San Antonio Ridge. We reached this point in 2½ hrs. One person waited here. The next hour was down-up-down-up-down along an open ridge, but then we had to get to work again. We were well bunched for the 2 third-class pitches, but there still remained some 700' of very steep loose scrambling. All 15 were on top by 12:30.

Unfortunately the return trip on this mountain is almost as hard as going in (the net gain is only 500'!) and everyone was getting tired. Some of us reached the aforementioned half-way ridge junction right on schedule at 3:30 and the last man got there at 3:50 -- the last but one that is, and he was nowhere in sight -- so we had a small crisis. I decided (a) that the straggler could not be left, (b) since I was the only one who knew that region well enough to be confident of getting out after dark should that prove necessary, I would have to go back for him, (c) that we had to get most of group out before dark, and (d) there were several experienced hikers who should be able to retrace the route taken in. Bill Mainland generously volunteered to go back with me. So the assistant leader, with help from Norm Rohn, the redoubtable Sam Fink and probably others, got the main group back to the cars by 7:00, and we 3 got there about 8:00. The straggler had been sick, but regained his strength later on. (The same thing happened to one of the leading SPS stalwarts on the Iron Trip two years ago.)

This route is better than going over Baldy -- at least some of us who aren't in Arky's class can do it in one day -- but it's still a tough mountain.

HOW BAILEY

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#### SUCCESSFUL EFFORT

There's no thrill in easy sailing,  
When the sky is clear and blue.  
There's no joy in merely doing things  
Which anyone can do.  
But there's some satisfaction that's  
Mighty sweet to take,  
When you reach a destination that  
You thought you couldn't make.

-Anon.

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#### WANTED:

Two Kelty's. 1 small, 1 medium. A or B bags o.k. Call evenings. Beth Pferdner  
(213) 661-9557

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PALM VIEW PEAK  
VIA HUMBER PARK

SEP. 23-24

NON-SKED

After arranging a car shuttle from Morris Ranch to Humber Park, four hikers carrying Kelty's left Humber Park. The other 3 were Joe Darrow, Cris Darrow, and Phil Martin. (Time 9:00 a.m.) In Little Tahquitz Valley we picked up two gallons of water for this waterless, fireless trip.

The view from Red Tahquitz was grand. Our route looked easy, but . . . .

Three hours plus later, we signed in on Southwell. This, though, was not our destination so we pushed on to Antsell Rock. At 6:30 p.m. we were forced to stop short of Antsell. We were lucky in finding relatively flat spots to lay out sleeping sites. After hasty cold suppers we turned in. After an equally hasty (and small) breakfast we pushed on.

Much talk has been generated about Antsell and much of it is true. We went up an R. S. Fink marked trail. Thanks to you, Sam -- we all really appreciated your red ribbons and ducks, not to mention brush cuttings. By 8:00 a.m. we were on Antsell (Kelty's and all). After signing and much conjecture of how to go down, we tried a previously untried route off Antsell (at least with Kelty's on). Sam had mentioned this possible route. We ducked the lower portion of it so it should be easy to find. It goes off the southeast side towards Apache.

After contouring (if you could call it that) around to the south of the buttress between Antsell and Apache, we reached the saddle before Apache. (Time 11:00 a.m.) This was the first place since the night before where it was flat enough to sleep without tying yourself in. By 1:00 we were eating lunch and had already done Apache. Spitler was done in 45 min. from our lunch stop. By now it was 2:15 and we were far from our car shuttle. We reached Palm View Peak by 5:20 and were making haste for it would get dark about 7:00 p.m. We headed into the canyon that runs into the Morris Ranch area. This is brushy up high but gets less brushy later. It also runs by a field from which you can find a trail down to the ranch area. We reached the car at about 6:30.

In retrospect the trip was fun -- but not for large groups (10 or more) as rock falls could be quite hazardous. There was much bush whacking, rock scrambling and cries of AAAGH, OUCH, RCHHH, and such from the participants. The total elevation gain was something like 7000' in 25 miles. Much of this was trailless and all of it was with Kelty's.

LEWIS M. HILL

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ANOTHER NEW PEAKBAGGER

OCT. 2, 1967

Leaders: CONNIE MITCHELL  
ROGER MITCHELL

On October 2nd a new name was added to the roster of the Mitchell family. Susan Elizabeth signed in at 7 lbs. 10 oz.

THE STORK

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WANTED:

TRIP REPORTS. Typewritten or hand written o.k. Any color or size paper o.k. Prefer to receive past due reports first. See page 2 for mailing instructions.

RGVA

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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCT. 12, 1967

Membership meetings of many organizations are traditionally dull and uninteresting. I'm happy to say that this meeting (like all HPS annual meetings I have attended) did not fit into that tradition.

Those who attended the meeting had an enjoyable evening and in addition made a significant contribution to the successful administration of the Section.

Officers and Committee Chairmen presented their annual reports. In part -

- A. The membership report stated
  - 1. We now have 211 active members and 21 mascots.
  - 2. Active members include 116 emblem holders.
  - 3. During 1967 there were 47 new members, and 29 emblem holders. 29 members dropped.
  - 4. There are now 9 members holding the 200 peak pin status.
  - 5. There are now 90 inactive members, including 40 emblem holders.
- B. The Conservation Committee reported
  - 1. HPS provided leaders for conservation week trips for school children.
  - 2. Sierra Club (including HPS) response on the Minaret Summit Road question helped defeat passage.
  - 3. Explained current operation of Chapter Conservation Committee.
  - 4. Redwoods and North Cascades are major issues now.
  - 5. Chairman Mitchell's recent editorial "For every trip - write a letter" is becoming a conservation by-word.
- C. The Safety Committee Chairman reported that HPS third class climbing training will begin with the Jan. 13-14 outing.
- D. The Mountain Records Chairman reported on the climbers guide and register upgrading programs.

By unanimous vote, Southwell Peak was added to the official peak list. The total on the list is now 255. No peaks were deleted.

The 1968 Central Committee was elected from a list of nine excellent candidates. Those elected have already been listed in the Chairman's article on page 1. For the benefit of newer members, who may not be familiar with bylaw requirements, How Bailey as Vice-Chairman will also be Schedule Chairman; Frank McDaniel as Treasurer will also be Membership Chairman.

BOB VAN ALLEN

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